



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q58134

Pierre RIPOCHE, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/519,847

Group Art Unit: 1731

Confirmation No.: 8169

Examiner: John M. HOFFMAN

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For: METHOD OF FABRICATING AN OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM INCLUDING  
OUTSIDE DEPOSITION OF SILICA, POSSIBLY DOPED SILICA

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of July 2, 2002 to November 2, 2002.

A check for the statutory fee of \$110.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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